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SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" May I know the reasons for the delay in considering the proposals which have been before the Government since as early as 1945? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" There is no delay."

Standardization of weights and measures in Malabar.

* 350 *Q.*—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government know that different janmis of Malabar are using different kinds of measures for collecting rents; and

(*b*) whether there is any proposal of the Government to standardise the measures?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The Madras Weights and Measures Act, 1948, has been enacted for the purpose of regulating the use of weights and measures in the State. The Act has not been brought into force pending the issue of rules under it, and this is under the consideration of Government. With the enforcement of the provisions of the Act in the State, the use of weights and measures throughout the State will be standardized."

SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI :—" As far as Malabar is concerned this has become a very acute problem. Janmis are changing their paras every year to the detriment of the tenants. Will the Government consider the enforcement of the Act there immediately? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The Government have deputed an officer to go to Bombay and study the rules prevailing there. Rules on the same lines will have to be framed here. Villagers in different places are accustomed to different weights and measures and we are going to standardize them. It is a great change-over. It is a rather complicated thing and the Government have to consider the rules carefully. As soon as the officer returns, the rules will be framed."

SRI R. KRISHNAN :—" Do the Government know that the devaswams under the control of this Government are using measures bigger than the standard measures and, if not, will the Government ascertain the position? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" In this State there are different varieties and sizes of measures. That is why the Government propose to standardize them. As I said, it will take some time to frame the rules."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" The Hon. Minister said that the Government had deputed an officer to Bombay to study the rules

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relating to the standardization of weights and measures prevailing there. Are we to conclude then that the Government have been so far abetting the crime of irregularities in weights and measures? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" There is no question of abetting. The hon. Member has not properly understood me. In order to frame the rules on right lines, we have sent an officer to Bombay to study the rules prevailing in that State."

SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR :—" Apart from the difference in measures in different places, there is difference in the measures in the same place such as the vara para and the rent para, mention of which can be found even in the documents coming within the cognizance of the Government. Will the Government see that a particular class of people are not given the right to have their own measures? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :— " Weights and measures also are peculiar in Malabar, as other things are peculiar in Malabar."

SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR :—" Are the Government aware that the janmi is using different sets of paras or edangazhis, one set for receiving rent and a different set for giving wages? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" There are varying measures. That is why the Government propose to fix one edangazhi at two-thirds of a Madras measure and one para at 6-2/3 of a Madras measure. The rules will be framed on this line."

SRI C. H. KANARAN :—" On a point of order, Sir. The question is about the use of two sets of paras by the same janmi, one set for receiving rent and a different set for giving wages. That question has not been answered."

Co-operative Marketing and Sales Society, Anakapalle.

* 351 *Q.*—SRI K. GOVINDA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Co-operative Marketing and Sales Society of Anakapalle, Visakhapatnam district, was superseded by the Government ;

(*b*) if so, when ;

(*c*) whether the Government propose to conduct an election in the near future to hand it over back to the elected body ; and

(*d*) if so, when?

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The Committee of the Society was superseded for a period of one year from 25th February 1952.